



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Terry J. Wickland et al. :
Serial No.: 09/658,374 : Group Art Unit: 3566
Filed: September 8, 2000 : Examiner: Robin Annette Hylton
For: CORROSION RESISTANT VENTS WITH INTEGRAL FILTER

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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 2, the first full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Tests have indicated that the prior art filters such as sintered metal filters become plugged when HCl/CCl₄ is bubbled therethrough so as to not permit passage of hydrogen gas. It was further found that 316 stainless steel housings with epoxy sealant and a carbon composite filter resulted in the epoxy becoming gooey due to reaction with solvents. It was further found that a mechanical press fit seal of a carbon-to-carbon

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